

YI HWANG ACADEMY OF LANGUAGE EXCELLENCE

Minutes of YHALE Governing Board Special Meeting on August 15, 2021

Pandemic Plan Review

A meeting of the Governing Board (the “Board”) of Yi Hwang Academy (the “School”) was held on August 15, 2021 at 6:30pm at 4550 River Green Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30096. The meeting began at approximately 6:35pm.

I. Attendance of Board Members

The following members of the Board were present via Zoom: Liza Park, Emile Hanem, Ji Ma, and Marissa Le

II. Welcome any members of public in attendance & take public comments

Dr. Yu, Principal
Susan George, Director of Operations

III. Review & Reconsider current pandemic – Covid Plan

Have been following the CDC Guidelines with COVID-19 Pandemic Plan; must keep up with the CDC Guidelines to ensure that YHALE is following the guidelines

School district decision is the final word in accordance to the State, so the Board must make the decision and that is the final say.

Close Contacts- definition? Classrooms are defined as “close contact” – within 6’ for more than 15 minutes

A. Steps when a student or staff tests positive for Covid

1. Sanitizing the facility – time & cost
\$1000/time, 4 times- paid for in advance with CSP Grant
Disinfectant is sprayed everywhere to dry in order to sanitize the facility
2. Who must be quarantined and for how long?
Entire Kindergarten grade or just that class? Should Mandarin Kindergarteners be quarantined for this week, as well? No, only the Korean Kindergarten class is quarantined (close contact) is required to be quarantined.
3. Can quarantined students test negative and come back to school?

Per CDC as of 7.29.21, if no symptoms within 10 days without testing, can end quarantine; after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)- which means day 7 is Friday, August 20, 2021.

4. How long after contact can testing happen to be reliable
Summary of Recent CDC Changes: Updated to recommend universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
Added recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they have symptoms.
5. How will teachers be affected by returning students?
Teachers who are vaccinated can come back to school 3-5 days with a negative result
6. What do we do when only some students get tested?
Close contacts - students need to self-quarantine for 10 days without testing or they can shorten the quarantine for 7 days and come back to school with a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)
7. How will we continue education for quarantined students?
Homebound and Hospitalization – implementation of schoolwork if/when there is a situation where student is sick/quarantined/hospitalized and miss school
Virtual schooling for those days
Worksheets/workbooks for the days missed

Coursework/schoolwork must comply with 180 days of school to be up to teachers and admin

B. Other steps to implement in daily school function

YHALE cannot go back to online/hybrid model. State is not allowing it after 2020-2021. This would have to change our whole Charter, and we must apply for this model. YHALE has to adopt a “Homebound and Hospitalization Policy” to implement when needed during the school year.

Ordered Quarantine- excused absence- i.e. a student is doesn't show up for an opportune zoom during quarantine, but comes back with all school work done for duration of quarantine, they will be excused, as they were on an ordered quarantine

Outbreak- whole school quarantine, must come into zoom morning and afternoon to be counted within 180 days of instruction

Dr. Yu working on ways to cut down on wide-spread contact (between grades)

Received approval from property manager that we can run two carpools' locations (220 building side) (Kindergarten and their siblings/carpoolers). Will create a faster time for the older grades to move more efficiently. Will start Tuesday 8/17/2021

Property manager requested that cone-placement has to be moved once they are done daily, and to move trailer to the other side- Liza and Emile to review with property manager

Ideas to eat in classrooms- may be possible only if parent volunteers to come in everyday to monitor the children while teachers have their break (employment law regulations)

Pandemic Plan 2021-2022 can be reviewed and vote on at another meeting

IV. Adjournment 9:04pm